GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2523
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CIRCULAR TRAINS THROUGH SOUTH INDIA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received for running a circular train through South India to boost tourism; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon to connect important South Indian Tourist destinations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL)

(a) & (b): The issue of introducing a tourist train covering the South Indian Statecapitals was raised in a conference of the South Indian Tourism Ministers held on 05th June 2003 at Hyderabad. Thereafter, a meeting of the South IndianTourism Ministers and the South Indian State Tourism Departments with the Railway officials was scheduled to be held in Hyderabad in September 2003. However, the meeting did not take place and there has been no further development in this regard.